

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:
Hideji Tajima et al.

Serial No. 10/042,373

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For: Carrier Holding Micro-Substances,
System Suspending Such Carriers, Apparatus
for Manipulating Such Carriers and Method of
Controlling Positions of Such Carriers

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§ Customer No. 27683
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§ Group Art Unit: 1641
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§ Examiner: Pensee T. Do
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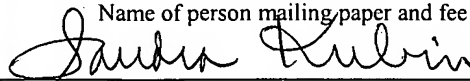
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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
MAILED ON DECEMBER 16, 2003

Introductory Comments

The present paper is being submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on December 16, 2003.

This paper amends the claims, but no additional filing fee is due.

A three month extension of time is hereby requested, and a Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a) is filed herewith. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee required by this paper, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 08-1394 of Haynes and Boone, LLP.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

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